because of geological problems encountered during the execution of the project and the constraint of resources.

Power crisis in Andhra Pradesh

*107. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHUKY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Decean Chronicle' dated the 10th April, 1988, wherein it has been stated that there is a power crisis in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is a power shortage in Andhra Pradesh which, during 1987-88, was about 12 per cent. The power shortage is mainly due to a shortfall in hydel generation due to low reservoir levtls in the State. To meet the power shortage. Andhra Pradesh has, *inter alia* imposed power cuts, peak load restrictions and load shedding on industries and supply of power to agricultural consumers has been regulated. The Central Government has allocated to Andh'"a Pradesh, 25 per cent of the unallocated share of power at its disposal from Central sector projects in the Southern region. In addition, assistance from neighbouring systems of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is being provided to Andhra Pradesh to the maximum extent possible.

Capacity of Koyali Refinery

*108. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the refining capacity of Koyali refinery is being increased; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The capacity of Koyali Refinery is being increased from 7.3 MMTPA to 9.5 MMTPA by debot-tlenecking the existing crude units at an estimated cost of about Rs. 27 crores and this is expected to be completed by July, 1988.

PFY production by M/s. Petrofils Cooperative Ltd.

*110. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA.; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the date of commissioning of Polyester Filament Yarn plant of M/s. Petrofils Cooperative Limited with initial licenced capacity;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Company expanded its capacity to 7000 tonnes per annum;

(c) whether the Company took Government's permission to expand its capacity; if so, when; and

(d) the actual production of Polyester Filament Yarn by the Company during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY {SHRI J. VENGAL RAO); (a) Petrofils Cooperative Limited (PCD commenced production of Polyester Filament Yam (PFY) on 3-12-1977 against the initial licensed capacity of 3500 tonnes per annum.

(b) Yes, Sir.